

**Baltimore County  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
November 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 6:44 p.m. at the Department of Recreation and Parks administrative offices, Towson, Maryland. In attendance were Vice Chairman David Smylie; board members Steven Kroll, Dunbar Brooks, Mike Weber and Jacob Smith. Recreation and Parks Department Staff included Bud Chrismer, deputy director and Marty Stoelting, chief, Recreation Services.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Steven Kroll motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes, Dunbar Brooks seconded. Mike Weber interjected requesting the verbiage on page 3 of the minutes to be changed to the following: "Mr. Weber stated that he has had the intention to get financial procedures and standards in place for all recreation councils." All board members were in favor of the motion, with the above-mentioned correction to be made per Mr. Weber.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Brooks announced that the Sollers Point Community Center Groundbreaking on October 18 and the "Hard Hat" Tour of Fleming Community Center on October 29 were two great events.

Deputy Director Bud Chrismer extended an invitation to the Farewell Happy Hour for Bob Barrett on November 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Liberatore's of Timonium.

Mr. Chrismer informed board members that the Shining Star Awards Ceremony is scheduled for December 20 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Chrismer announced that the Boys Lacrosse Clinic is scheduled for January 29 from 9-11 a.m. at Towson University and the Girls Lacrosse Clinic is scheduled for February 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Ravens Facility. In addition, Mr. Chrismer reported that Marty Stoelting is working with Stevenson University to schedule a basketball clinic but has no further information at this time.

**Old Business:**

In regards to the request to honor Helen Anderson, Mr. Brooks stated that he doesn't have Joyce Sparwasser's telephone number and is requesting to have Neil Magness get this to him so that they may discuss what is acceptable to name in honor of Ms. Anderson.

In regards to certification forms, Mr. Weber requested that the board review these forms and pull any form that contained a "no" response to any of the questions listed. Board members reviewed the forms and discussion ensued regarding those forms with a "no" response.

### **New Business:**

Per Chairman Wayne Definbaugh, information has been included in board members folders regarding a recent complaint surrounding a football program. Board members reviewed the information and discussion ensued. Jacob Smith inquired about whether or not a program is allowed in a council when there is no field to utilize within the defined boundaries. Ms. Stoelting responded stating that there is space that can be converted to a field for this program but further stated that Lansdowne has a turf field and no football program; it is possible to use this site. Mr. Smith stated that if there is interest within the community then the program should not be denied. Ms. Stoelting stated that this gentleman is willing to start the program in Lansdowne. Ms. Stoelting further stated that the gentleman would have been fine with being told “no” from the very beginning but instead he felt he was given the green light to proceed. In addition, Ms. Stoelting informed the board that the council had concerns over the cost of this program. David Smylie stated that it is within a council’s purview to approve/deny any program. Mr. Kroll stated that the council should bring this to a vote, as it appears that this has not yet happened. Further discussion ensued regarding what the council’s by-laws state in regards to forming new programs. Mr. Smylie will speak to Michelle Washington, request the by-laws, speak to the Council President and inquire about the process of starting a new program. Mr. Smylie will also request a board vote on this issue.

Mr. Weber inquired about the tennis courts at NERRC and the priority of getting the courts for those who are there now. Ms. Stoelting responded stating that it is likely that two of the four courts will be converted to basketball courts. Ms. Stoelting further stated that the department would like to have a dual use floor but they need to keep in mind the funding they have available; they are currently getting prices. In addition, Ms. Stoelting stated that the basketball folks are asking these same questions and Ms. Stoelting’s response to this is that the department will accommodate everyone they can.

Board members discussed term expirations. Mr. Weber inquired about what a board member is to do if their term is expiring. Mr. Brooks responded stating that board members should stay on the board until they are replaced. Board members would like Mr. Definbaugh to write a letter to each newly elected councilman regarding those board members whose terms are expiring in the near future. Mr. Weber discussed the idea of representing the currently vacant 3rd District, allowing someone else to fill the At-Large position he currently holds.

### **Director’s Comments:**

Mr. Chrismer informed board members of the recent changes in staff. Mr. Chrismer stated that former director Bob Barrett has accepted a position with BCPS and Jean Tansey and Bruce Gill will be transferring to Permits & Development Management, effective Monday, November 15. Ms. Tansey will still handle small construction projects for the department. In addition, Pat McDougall will move to the Revenue Generating Facilities division and Judi Ponchak to the Administrative Services division.

Mr. Chrismer informed board members that the department is starting to work on the Operating Budget for next year and stated that he would keep everyone abreast.

**Action:**

Mr. Weber motioned to send a letter, drafted and signed by Mr. Definbaugh, to anyone who has not yet submitted a 990 or audit/certification information. Mr. Smith seconded and all were in favor.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Brooks seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter